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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as shown on the following pages. Material inserted is indicated by underlining (insertion) and material deleted is indicated by strike-out (~~deletion~~).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 42, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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After formation of the additional metal ~~auxiliary~~ layers 6, the laminate 2 was washed with water and surfaces of the additional metal layers 6 were dried, followed by laser drilling.

B<sub>1</sub> Conditions for the laser drilling were as described in the opening paragraphs of this section. A drilled diameter of a formed BVH was of an opening ratio of 100% and a diameter distribution ranged from 103 to 108  $\mu\text{m}$ , thus finishing the drilling at a sufficiently acceptable level enabling use in actual operation.

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